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**SUBJECT:** LTP- EQIP

**Purpose:** To provide guidance on EQIP issues.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2008

1. The Emergency Livestock Water category of EQIP allows participants the ability to compete for EQIP funds to alleviate the lack of livestock water during drought periods (when they may not have other resource concerns they wish to address). There is a limited list of practices eligible for this category. They are: pipeline, watering facility, well, a pump for water control (a storage tank for wells with inadequate flow is eligible as a component of the pump practice), and springs. Be sure to establish that water sources and existing or new installations are reliable during drought periods.
2. Roofing and adding waste storage facilities to existing "livestock feeding pads" is allowable under the general EQIP category. The existing pad must meet NRCS standards for the 561 practice. It must also:
  - If not roofed, have an associated waste treatment facility to collect and store the slurry, rainfall runoff, and waste for the duration of use, then properly dispose of the material according to a nutrient or comprehensive nutrient management plan.
  - If roofed, have an associated waste storage facility which will store the accumulated solid manure and waste so it can be applied according to the comprehensive nutrient or nutrient management plan.
  - Be out of the 25 year floodplain and/or protected by a dike or dam from such an event.
  - Not have runoff discharge across or from the stabilized feeding pad unless the runoff is collected and stored in a planned WSF (313) or Wastewater Treatment Strip (635).
  - Be curbed with 8" high wooden or concrete curbs to keep waste material on the pad.
  - Have stabilized ingress and/or egress access areas or lanes.
  - Be sized according to the current operation of the landowner.

Retrofitting pads that don't meet these standards are prohibited.



3. When asking participants for their Taxpayer ID, make sure they give you the number they use on their tax returns. In most cases this will be their social security number. If you enter any other number, the funds will not obligate and/or the payment will not process. The person's name, address, and taxpayer ID must match the IRS database exactly or the transaction will be rejected. This affects payments on older contracts as well. As many of you know, this problem can hold up contract obligations and payments for several weeks.

Please direct cost share program questions to Bill O'Donnell, ASTC-Programs, at 304-284-7543, or JR Wolfe, State Farm Bill Programs Specialist, at 304-284-7583.

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